

My name is Jeffrey miracle I've been on the registry for 18 years in 2004 and 2005 I was on parole but had nowhere to live do too the restrictions of the Sora. Within the first five months I was forced to move four times do to being too close to a school property line I was finally forced to move in with my girlfriend and her parents and immediately I reported that address to my parole officer. He told me to go ahead and that he will be out for a visit to inspect the residence. But when he finally showed up, I was already four days past the time given to update a new address and immediately there was a warrant issued for my arrest for failure to register. I was tried convicted and sentenced to two years in prison.

During a jury trial an expert witness on the Sora testified that even if I was homeless, I knew I still had register. She submitted a document into evidence of my original initial registration form, signed and dated, immediately after my conviction in 2002. It showed what she referred to as a default address, 123 homeless street, while ignoring the fact that, at the time that form was filled out, I was being sent to prison for my initial offense. The parole officer came to me immediately after my conviction to register me. He asked me where I was living and I told him that I was going to prison, I do not have an address, so he filled out the form and had me sign it. He filled in the address 123 homeless St, I had no knowledge of this at the time. Nowhere in the statute does it mention this default address. This testimony and evidence against me put a willful element to my failure to register.

Later, after I was convicted I learned of another statue, MCL 791.236 36(14) for which specifically states "if a parolee is required to register pursuant to the sex offenders registration act the parole officer shall register the parolee as provided in that act" directly insinuating that this legislature made this law to further clarify who should register where and with who as well as defining law enforcement as being also a parole officer and parole agency. So, you see how the Sora was written as compared to how it is interpreted by the courts and prosecutors.

Later, in 2009, I was, once again, on parole but living in my grandmother's house as she had recently passed while I was incarcerated, when I found in my mailbox a print out of my registry information off of The Internet and writing on the back saying "you're dead". I immediately reported this to the police as they didn't seem to take it too seriously, but took the report. At the same time, I noticed that on the registry information it describes my offense as being that of force and or coercion for which was not an element of my offense nor was it my conviction. I later attempted to get this corrected, I contacted law enforcement as well as the courts with no success.

Later in 2011 I finally completed my parole and moved to Georgia where my son and his mother were living and some of the registry laws there are less restrictive. Although, they do have officers do residency checks to make sure that a registrant is actually living where they registered. I was living in a motel room, along with my son and his grandfather. This motel room was rented solely in my sons grandfathers name, as one of these officers entered the main office to ask the manager if I was living in this room, giving my name and ignoring the fact that I registered as living with my sons grandfather, giving his name when I registered at that address, as the law requires such information. The manager told him no, that is not the name on that room. That officer came back a month later and asked the manager again, the manager again told him no. The officer never came and knocked on my door, not once, never called, no email, nothing. He then put a warrant out for my arrest. I was convicted and placed on probation. While I was on probation in Georgia, I became homeless. I was then forced to move back home here to Michigan. I told my probation officer what I was doing, I told him that I was going to move back to my mother's house here in Michigan, and I did.

Later, in 2015, I was pulled over for running a red light. I was arrested on a warrant from Georgia for violating the registry statute, as I did not report my new address here in Michigan to the registry in Georgia. I was arrested and transported back to Georgia. I was sentenced to three years in Georgia prison. now I am back here in Michigan and on parole In Georgia.

And I would just like to add that the past 18 years of my life have been hell for me and my mother, who has supported me financially for 18 years while I've been in and out of incarceration. I've been incarcerated while both my grandparents passed away my sister passed away and every time, I must walk into a police station to register, the past 18 years of hell flash before my eyes. It is mental torture that never ends. How can I ever move on with my life when I'm always forced to relive it constantly?

Registration requirements requiring registrants to report in person to law enforcement every three months is equivalent to being on parole or probation, for which is defined as a continuation of punishment, which is punitive. When you go in to report for parole, you sit down with an agent, show them your ID, they ask a couple questions and you leave. Showing up in person every three months to register is the exact same thing. So, in a sense, a person is always on parole, for life. Always being punished by a life sentence.